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SUBJ: DIVERSION OF ILLEGAL OPIUM TO LEGAL CHANNELS

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1. PLAN OUTLINED BY MALLINCKRODT REPS REF A RECALLS SUGGESTION MADE TO EMBASSY IN JULY (ISLAMABAD 5887) BY RAFHAN MAIZE MANAGING DIRECTOR MCDONALD, ACTING AS AGENT FOR S.B. PENICK. CHANDJEE COTTON AND ALLIED, ALSO IN CONTACT WITH MALLINCKRODT, HAD OFFERED TO PROVIDE 10 TONS OF AFGHAN OPIUM TO PENICK, AND MCDONALD HAD INDICATED HE INTENDED TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO GET THAT OPIUM SEIZED AND THEN NEGOTIATE ITS SALE TO S.B. PENICK. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MALLINCKRODT IS INTERESTED IN USING CHANDJEE AS INTERMEDIARY TO PURCHASE OPIUM FROM TRIBAL AND MERGED AREAS FOR SUBSEQUENT SEIZURE AND THAT PNCB, WHICH HAS EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN EXPORTING OPIUM, MAY BE INTERESTED IN PUSHING THIS STRATEGY.

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2. DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH GERSTEN AND STRATMEIER (SEE

SMITH MEMO FOR RECORD, DEC. 12) EMBASSY NCO, DRAWING ON GUIDANCE REF C, SUGGESTED THAT IF MALLINCKRODT REPS HAD INFO THROUGH CHANDJEE ON ILLICIT OPIUM FROM AFGHANISTAN OR MERGED TRIBAL AREAS, THEY SHOULD INFORM ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES FOR PURPOSES OF SEIZURE WITHOUT REGARD TO EVENTUAL DISPOSITION OF OPIUM. NCO ADDED THAT MALLINCKRODT WITH ITS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AS IMPORTER OF PAK SEIZED OPIUM SHOULD BE IN GOOD POSITION SUBSEQUENTLY TO PURCHASE THIS SEIZED OPIUM ONCE IT MOVES INTO GOVERNMENT STORAGE.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT USG SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE PNCB AND US FIRMS IN TYPE OF TRANSACTION OUTLINED REF A (OF DOUBTFUL LEGALITY ANYWAY UNDER TERMS OF SINGLE CONVENTION) BECAUSE OF DANGER THAT IT WOULD SIMPLY FURTHER STIMULATE UNREGULATED PRODUCTION IN MERGED AND TRIBAL AREAS. IN VIEW OF PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOP CONCERNING POPPY BAN SUCH AN AD HOC APPROACH TO BRINGING SOME OF UNREGULATED OPIUM INTO LEGAL CHANNELS MIGHT DETER GOP FROM SERIOUS EFFORTS TO IMPOSE BAN ON PRODUCTION IN THESE AREAS.

4. FOR DEPARTMENT. HAVE REPEATED REFS A & B TO YOU. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE, INCLUDING COMMENTS ON PARA 2 AND 3 REF B. BYROADE

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